

## By Faith...

### HEBREWS 11.1-4

The Bible says...

Rom. 1:17 The **j**\_\_\_\_\_ shall live by faith.

2 Cor. 5:7 For we **w**\_\_\_\_\_ by faith, not by sight.

Matt. 17:20 He (Jesus) said, "...if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this **m**\_\_\_\_\_, 'Move from here to there...'"

Heb. 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to **p**\_\_\_\_\_ God...

Questions about faith:

1. What do these verses mean?
2. Is it possible for us to understand this concept of faith?
3. What is faith exactly?
4. Where does it originate and when is it effective?
5. Is faith something that we manufacture within ourselves – something for which we get credit?
6. Or is faith a gift from God that is unavailable to us until God makes it available?
7. What makes one person believe and another person not believe?

Eph. 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; [it is] the gift of God,

Heb. 10.35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. 37 For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; 38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls."

Heb. 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith...

Heb. 11.1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. 4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

The men and women of Hebrews 11 are famous, not just because of their great feats, but because of their great **f**\_\_\_\_\_.

Biblical heroes are **o**\_\_\_\_\_ people who yielded to a greater calling than they were typically capable of achieving under ordinary circumstances and thus were able to accomplish extraordinary things.

They become great people because they were possessed by a great **H**\_\_\_\_\_ **S**\_\_\_\_\_ who used them to accomplish the purpose and the will of God

God did not choose these men and women because they were great people; they became great people because they were **c**\_\_\_\_\_ by God.

**Abel** (v. 4)

Matt. 23:35 "that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah..."

Rom. 10:17 Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

The effect of the word in the life of Abel:

Abel heard the **Word** of God which produced the kind of faith in his heart that led him to...

- Offer an acceptable sacrifice – faith led him to **W**\_\_\_\_\_
- Obey the commandment of God – faith that comes from hearing the word of God results in **W**\_\_\_\_\_

The **Word** of God produced the kind of faith in Abel that led him to...

- Be declared righteous by both the Father and the Son –faith that made Abel **W**\_\_\_\_\_ to be included in the kingdom of God
- Be an effective **W**\_\_\_\_\_

The end of verse 4 reminds us that, "although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith."